

1. A method of making an invertible wound  
2 dressing, comprising the steps of:

4 providing a flattened bag having a length and an  
opening sufficiently large to permit the entry of a human  
hand, and top and bottom outer surfaces defining an area;

6 providing a shaped piece of absorbent material  
having an area less than that of the bottom surface of the  
8 bag;

applying an adhesive to the bottom surface of the  
10 bag across an area larger than that of the absorbent material;  
and

12 adhering the absorbent material to the bottom  
surface of the bag within the area having the applied  
14 adhesive.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is  
2 applied to the entire bottom surface of the flattened bag.

3. The method of claim 1, further including the  
2 step of applying an adhesive to the absorbent material prior  
to adhering the absorbent material to the bottom surface of  
4 the bag.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 providing a flattened bag includes providing a bag having a

lengthwise taper.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 providing a flattened bag further includes the steps of:

providing upper and lower continuous webs of bag  
4 material;

joining the two webs through a U-shaped joint, such  
6 that the bottom of the U is transverse to the direction of the  
web and the top of the U forms the opening of the bag when the  
8 joined webs are severed.

6. The method of claim 1, further including the  
2 step of applying an adhesive to at least a portion of the top  
outer surface of the flattened bag proximate to the opening  
4 such that, upon inversion of the dressing, the adhesives on  
the top and bottom outer surfaces join together to seal the  
6 opening of the bag.

7. An invertible wound dressing, comprising:  
2 a flattened bag having a lengthwise taper and an  
opening sufficiently large to permit the entry of a human  
4 hand, and top and bottom outer surfaces defining an area; and  
a shaped piece of absorbent material bonded to the  
6 bottom surface of the bag and having an area less than that of  
the bottom surface.

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8. The invertible wound dressing of claim 7,  
2 wherein the lengthwise taper is such that the bag is wider at  
the opening.

9. The invertible wound dressing of claim 7,  
2 wherein the lengthwise taper is such that the bag is narrower  
at the opening.

10. The invertible wound dressing of claim 7,  
2 further including an adhesive applied to the bottom surface of  
the bag outside the area where the absorbent material is  
4 bonded.